



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LR 6CA

Hearing Date: February 5, 2001

Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Schimek, Janssen, Aguilar, Bourne, Connealy, Cudaback, Cunningham, Hilgert, Dw. Pedersen, Robak, Schrock, Thompson)

Title: Constitutional amendment to permit gaming on Indian lands

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Cunningham, Janssen, McDonald, Schrock, Synowiecki
3	No	Senators Burling, Erdman, Redfield
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Schimek
Mark McGuire
Lance Morgan
Thelma Thomas
Lemuel Harlan
Mark Peniska
Judi Morgan
Roger Trudell
Bob Van Valkenburg
Kenneth Chapman
James LaPointe

Representing:

Introducer
Coalition for Sovereign Tribal Gaming
Winnebago Tribe
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs
Santee Sioux Tribe
Self
Santee Sioux Tribe
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Opponents:

Lauren Ekdahl

Joe Fincher
Dave Bydalek
Mike Kelley
Pat Loontjer
Dan Hazuka
Lyle Japp

Representing:

Nebraska Conference Board of Christian Social
Witness
Harvey's
Family First
Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent Association
Gambling with the Good Life
Gambling with the Good Life
Gambling with the Good Life

Gary Krause
John Iossi

Benson VFW
Nebraskans for Charitable Gaming

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 6CA amends Article III, Section 24 of the Nebraska Constitution. The amendment would allow gaming to be operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Nebraska. The gaming could only be conducted on land within the limits of the tribe's Indian reservation recognized as of October 1988. The Ponca tribe would be allowed to conduct gaming on real property in Knox County and Boyd County held by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of the Ponca Tribe. The Ponca tribe does not have reservation land in Nebraska. The gaming must be conducted in accordance with federal law.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson